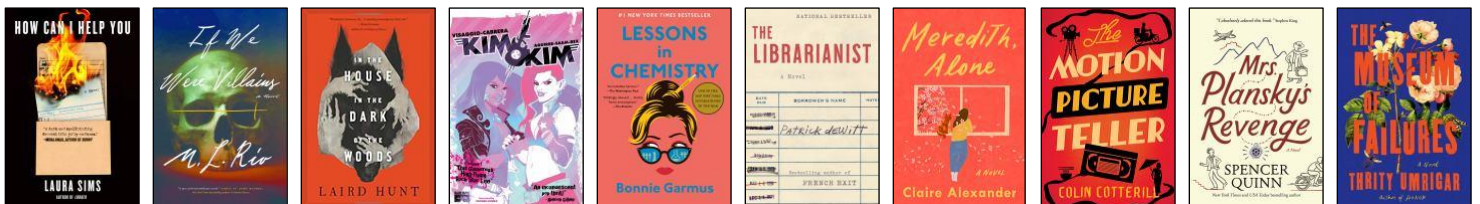


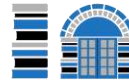
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- [Boys From Biloxi](#) / John Grisham (2022)
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[Covenant of Water](#) / Abraham Verghese (2023)
[Desert Star](#) / Michael Connelly (2022)
[Discreet Charm of the Big Bad Wolf](#) / Alexander McCall Smith (2023)
[Disorientation](#) / Elaine Hsieh Chou (2022)
[Exchange](#) / John Grisham (2023)
[Firm](#) / John Grisham (1991)
[Gone to the Wolves](#) / John Wray (2023)
[Good Part](#) / Sophie Cousens (2023)
[Have You Seen Luis Velez?](#) / Catherine Ryan Hyde (2019)
[Heavy Vinyl](#) / Carly Usdin (2018)
[How Can I Help You](#) / Laura Sims (2023)
[If We Were Villains](#) / M. L. Rio (2017)
[In the House in the Dark of the Woods](#) / Laird Hunt (2018)
[Kim & Kim \(3 volumes\)](#) / Magdalene Visaggio (2016)
[Lessons in Chemistry](#) / Bonnie Garmus (2022)
[Librarianist](#) / Patrick DeWitt (2023)
[Membranes](#) / Chi Ta-Wei (2021)
[Meredith, Alone](#) / Claire Alexander (2022)
[Motion Picture Teller](#) / Colin Cotterill (2023)
[Mrs. Plansky's Revenge](#) / Spencer Quinn (2023)
[Museum of Failures](#) / Thrity Umrigar (2023)
[One in a Million Boy](#) / Monica Wood (2016)
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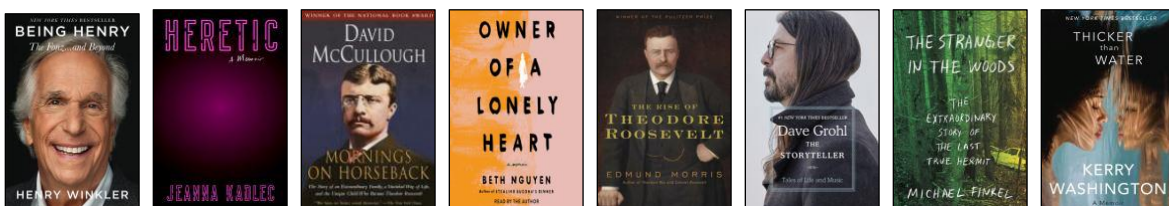


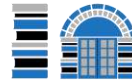
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- [Red Team Blues](#) / Cory Doctorow (2023)
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[Running Grave](#) / Robert Galbraith (2023)
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[There, There](#) / Tommy Orange (2018)
[Up on the Woof Top](#) / Spencer Quinn (2023)
[Villa](#) / Rachel Hawkins (2023)
[White Cat, Black Dog: Stories](#) / Kelly Link (2023)
[Witch's Heart](#) / Genevieve Gornichec (2021)

BIOGRAPHY:

- [Being Henry: The Fonz...and Beyond](#) / Henry Winkler (2023)
[Heretic: A Memoir](#) / Jeanna Kadlec (2022)
[Mornings on Horseback](#) / David McCullough (1981)
[Owner of a Lonely Heart](#) / Beth Nguyen (2023)
[Rise of Theodore Roosevelt](#) / Edmund Morris (2001)
[Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music](#) / Dave Grohl (2021)
[Stranger in the Woods](#) / Michael Finkel (2017)
[Thicker Than Water](#) / Kerry Washington (2023)





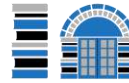
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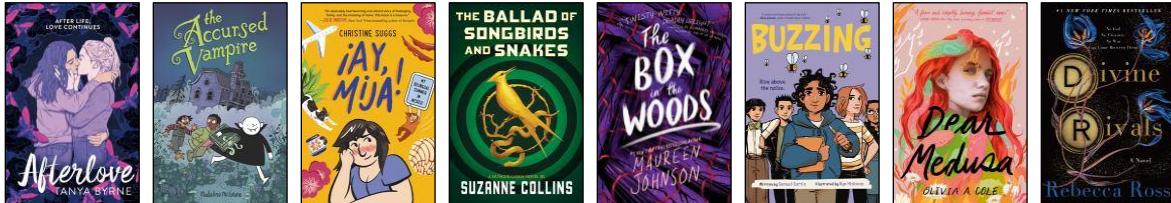
NON-FICTION:

- [24 Hours in Charlottesville](#) / Nora Neus (2023)
[All My Knotted-Up Life](#) / Beth Moore (2023)
[Boys in the Boat](#) / Daniel James Brown (2013)
[Conspirator](#) / Derek Beres (2023)
[Evidence of Things Seen](#) / Sarah Weinman (2023)
[Fine: A Comic About Gender](#) / Rhea Ewing (2022)
[Hiroshima](#) / John Hersey (1946; 1985)
[In-Between](#) / Hadley Vlahos (2023)
[Invisible Thread](#) / Laura Schroff (2011)
[My Friend Anne Frank](#) / Hannah Pick-Goslar (2023)
[No Ordinary Dog](#) / Will Chesney (2020)
[Oliver](#) / Steven Carino (2021)
[Perfect Father](#) / John Glatt (2021)
[Philosophy of Modern Song](#) / Bob Dylan (2022)
[Putin's Russia: The Rise of a Dictator](#) / Darryl Cunningham (2022)
[Radical: My Year with a Socialist Senator](#) / Sofia Warren (2022)
[Say Nothing: a true story of murder and memory in Northern Ireland](#) / Patrick Radden Keefe (2019)
[Secret Gate: A True Story of Courage and Sacrifice During the Collapse of Afghanistan](#) / Mitchell Zuckoff (2023)
[Thin Skin: Essays](#) / Jenn Shapland (2023)
[Unequal: a Story of America](#) / Michael Eric Dyson (2022)
[Unmask Alice](#) / Rick Emerson (2022)
[What Hath God Wrought the transformation of America 1815-1848](#) / Daniel Walker Howe (2007)





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- [Afterlove](#) / Tanya Byrne (2022)
[Accursed Vampire](#) / Madeline McGrane (2021)
[Ay, Mija! My Bilingual Summer in Mexico](#) / Christine Suggs (2023)
[Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes](#) / Suzanne Collins (2020)
[Box in the Woods](#) / Maureen Johnson (2021)
[Buzzing](#) / Samuel Sattin (2023)
[Dear Medusa](#) / Olivia A. Cole (2023)
[Divine Rivals](#) / Rebecca Ross (2023)
[Fight + Flight](#) / Jules Machias (2022)
[Inheritance Games](#) / Jennifer Lynn Barnes (2021)
[Jawbreaker](#) / Christina Wyman (2023)
[Just Lizzie](#) / Karen Wilfrid (2023)
[Long Walk to Water](#) / Linda Sue Park (2010)
[My Father, the Panda Killer](#) / Jamie Jo Joang (2023)
[Stateless](#) / Elizabeth Wein (2023)
[White Horse](#) / Erika Wurth (2022)

